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One more week and Portland will begin to drop back to normal conditions, and not yet quite normal either, for the Lewis and Clark exposition has had the effect of creating for her a metropolitan standing she never enjoyed before; with the state, she has sprung into a far more real and valuable status, with a broader name and influence than was hers in the past, and there is only loyalty to Oregon and Oregonians behind the earnest wish that the work done in Portland this year may have an unending sway toward an abiding uplift all along the line of endeavor and achievement.

On Thursday morning next a host of Republicans will gather in Portland to find out, if possible, just where they stand in relation to their party and its purposes in the forthcoming election. It is expedient that every one of them go to Portland with the fixed determination to "let sleeping dogs lie" until there is tangible ground for arousing the innocuous "canines," a contingency, it is hoped, that will prove to be far remote, even non-existent. The first duty of every loyal republican is to make certain and steadfast the inherent, firm and compact substance of republicanism in the state. That principle established, there will be no room for anything else than the cumulative effort to program the work of the new campaign along lines into which every honest partyman may fall readily and helpfully, to the lasting credit of the creed and the state. The results of this meeting will have an incredible effect upon the coming campaign for good or evil, and the assembled republicans in Portland, must face the responsibility whatever it may be.

It takes more than a growling newspaper to put water on the bar at the mouth of the Columbia river.

All that is wanted for that new hotel in Astoria, is a site, a few thousand dollars and a modicum of public spirit.

To those who do not know: A pilot is a man who has practical knowledge of the actual depths of the water in which he has been trained, for years, to navigate vessels of varying draft, between given points and for certain distances.

The next city election will be held under the Direct Primary Law. No more conventions for nominating candidates.

There are still a few very sorry side-walks in this city, though most citizens have had the public spirit to put theirs in first-class condition.

It will be necessary to equip all our high finance leaders with bell punches

It is about the only mode that can be adopted which will afford a reasonable assurance that the receivers of money will put it into the pocket in which it belongs.

The president ought to turn his attention to the question of purifying state legislatures. If he deprived the railroad corporations of the power to reward their henchmen with federal offices he would strike a death blow at the practice of returning corporation tools to the United States senate.

Gomez declares that affairs are now as bad in Cuba as they were during the days of the so-called butcher, Weyler. His statement is doubtless a gross exaggeration, and its intemperance excites the suspicion that some of the stories circulated on the eve of our war with Spain were equally baseless.

It is said that the extravagance of the government printing office will be diminished by cutting down expenditures about a million a year. This is a modest beginning. It would be a better plan, however, to make a single job of cleaning out this particular Augean stable. But there is some consolation in the fact that a beginning is to be made.

It is unfortunate, to say the least, that so many of our troubles with our Latin-American neighbors grow out of the tendency of the latter to collide with trusts. Perhaps the Nicaraguans and Venezuelans take us seriously, and really believe that it is a good thing to "soak" a trust when the opportunity offers, because most of us say that is the right course to pursue.

The life insurance official who declared that those in his business really trembled at the approach of a session of the legislature was making an appeal for sympathy, but most people who have closely followed the course of the investigation in New York will be apt to look at the matter in a different way and say that if there was not so much downright rascality there would be fewer temptations to venal legislators to introduce cinch bills. Men who work honestly are never the victims of such legislation.

PERSONAL MENTION

Dave Petit is in the city from Ilwaco. Paul Kretch returned from Portland on last night's express. Dr. J. F. Friedrich came down from the metropolis on last night's train. N. Schlusser and son came in on the express last night from Portland. B. I. Eldon and wife returned last night from a visit to Portland and the fair. F. C. Reed came home from Portland last night after a pleasant visit to the fair. Charles Wirakkala returned last night from a week's visit to St. Martin's Springs. Mrs. A. E. Minard was a returning passenger from Portland, on the express last night. A. Bremner, of the Pacific Iron Works, in this city, returned from Portland last night. Miss Maud Stone was a homing passenger on the night express from Portland, last night. Mrs. Belle Huden returned to this city on the night express yesterday from a two day visit at the fair. R. W. McClean, salesman for P. A. Stokes, left for Portland on a business trip yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gaston were returning passengers from Portland and the fair on last night's express. Mrs. S. G. Trullinger returned from Portland, last night, after a pleasant visit at the fair and with friends. Hon. Harrison Allen accompanied by Mrs. Allen, went to Portland yesterday morning. Mr. Allen returned on last night's express, and will go back tomorrow. C. Leblanc, book-keeper for the Foaro & Stokes company, returned to this city last night, from his recent outing. Captain S. M. Reeves of the launch Arthur, plying on Shoalwater Bay, between Nahcotta and Nasel, is in the city. Captain and Mrs. Al. Betz returned from Portland last night. The captain had just taken the Roanoke up to the metropolis. C. W. Haldeman and A. L. Fox, returned from the Rainier country on last night's express, well laden with ducks after a day's shooting. Superintendent J. C. McGuire and W. E. Tallent returned from a successful hunting trip via the night express from Deer Island last night. B. Vance Hutchins, formerly editor of the Pacific Journal at Ilwaco is now located at Suisun, California, where he is engaged in newspaper work. J. E. Grady and family departed yesterday morning for Ashland for a ten

day visit and vacation. This is Mr. Grady's first visit to southern Oregon, on pleasure bent, for some years.

Sheriff Thomas Linville was a homing passenger on the night train yesterday from the capital, whither he went with a consignment for the penitentiary.

Hayes Easterbrook returned from Portland on last night's express, and will leave Astoria permanently, in a few days, for Portland, or the Sound.

Randall Reed went to Portland yesterday morning to visit his father who has been quite ill at St. Vincent's hospital, but who is now on the high road to recovery.

Miss Maja Frederickson returned to her home in East Astoria Saturday, after a year or more spent in the musical studios of Copenhagen. Miss Frederickson received instruction from some of the most noted masters of Denmark, while absent.

A. Becker, who travels for the Allen, Gilbert-Ramaker Company of Portland, left with his family yesterday for Albany after spending the summer at the beach. Mr. Becker is interested in property in Astoria and will probably make this city his home at a future date.

Councilman L. O. Belland returned from Portland last night; he had been there on a visit with Mrs. Belland to the fair. As he was on his way to visit the government building, he was hailed by a passer-by, who proved to be a brother whom he had not seen for 24 years, Mr. Olaf Belland. The latter, with his wife, will be at the Belland home here next week.

Hon. T. A. McBride returned last night from a hurried trip to Oregon City, whither he went to visit his family. He will finish the pending court work here and leave for St. Helen's by tomorrow evening, to open court there.

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